MORE NEVVES

From the PALATINATE; [Appendix K]

AND

MORE COMFORT

To euery true Christian, that *either fauoureth the cause of* Religion, or wisheth well to the KING of BOHEMIA'S proceedings.

According to faithfull and honest Letters, *sent ouer since the beginning of March, and* now published for the satisfaction of euery true English heart.

A Ioue surgit op[timus]

MDCXXII.

More Newes from the *Palatinate, &c.*

THe hiſtory of the *Iewiſh* captiuitie is ſo remarkable, that it affordeth many obſeruations to the *Church* of God, and is like the Balme of *Gilead* vnto feſtring wounds, or curing ſalues vnto ſore eies: For for the times of their *humiliation* they were derided of all nations, their credit lay like water ſpilt out of a bowle neuer to bee gathered vp againe; the Heathen had no word for their Temple, but downe with it, downe with it, nor for the wals of the City, but let them be puld to rubbiſh, the crowne of the Prieſthood was tumbled into the durt, and *Nehemiah* with the *Princes* were mocked to ſcorne, when they attempted to reedifie *Ieruſalem* and to recouer their reputation. And hath it not fared thus with *Count Palatine*, whoſe inueſture with his euer memorable and heroike *Queene* was for the time glorious, and the manner acceptable, till the ſupportation of his greatnes fell from him, and *Prague* it ſelfe ſtoode tottering in her firmneſſe, prouing like an *Egyptian* reede not to be truſted vnto, yea the *Princes* of the Vnion were exanimated, and gaue way vnto the vnreſiſtable power (as it ſeemed) of the aduerſarie: then was nothing heard of but the loſſe of his crown and dignitie, the ſurpriſing of his Countrey and inheritance, the purſuit of his enemies, the clamors of the *Papiſts*, the deriſion of the *Ieſuites*, and *Prieſts*, the exclamation of the *Biſhops*, the attempts of *Saxony*,

ony, and *Bauaria*, with all the formidable preparation, that the *Emperour* and houſe of *Auſtria* could make againſt him.

But now comes the comfort and cure, *Ieruſalem* is reedified, the people reſtored, the Temple erected, the wall builded, the *Princes* ſent home againe, the Law read, the Sacrifice exalted, the Prieſthood magnified, and a worke is done of admiration: for the God of breath and ſpirits blew gentle calmes vpon the violent heate of their perſecutions, and ſlacked the burnings of their outragious fires: and why may it not be thus with the *Palatinate*? or, if you will, the King of *Bohemias* proceedings? he hath hitherto had *Nemeſis in tergo*, and according to the prouerbe euery place hath beene a *Seians* horſe vnto him, for in hope of reſtitution, and a peaceable ende, hee hath found no reſt, but one waue of turbulency following another: *Spinola* and his armie enters on the Weſt: *Bavaria* and his forces comes vpon the Eaſt, and the whole Countrey is trampled vpon with the cruell feete of his enemies: but now *Rota fortunæ in gyro*, and through Gods mercy the vaile of deſpaire is taken away, and a new face of chearefulnes appeares. For the *Princes* of *Germany* are aſhamed of their former retraction, and ſome *Catholick Biſhops* begin to ſuſpect a further incrochment and tyranny, and ſo promiſh faire to ſet vpright the floriſhing liberty of their Cities, which can not be done, except the *Palatine* be reſtored, the warres ended, and ſtrangers kept from vſurping the plenty of their Country.

As for the Biſhop of *Strasburgh*, brother to the Emperour, Count *Manſfeild* hath alreadie abated his ſtrength,

ſtrength, and in a maner diſmounted him from riding away with the triumph of preuailing, yea, he hath affrighted *Leopaldus* himſelfe, and thruſt vp all his enemies into Townes of Garriſons, ſo that what with the malignity of the time of the yeare, and weather, and the feare of his Greatneſſe, being 30000. ſtrong: here is nothing talkt of, but Treatiſes of pacificationwith him, and martages for attonement. For the Biſhop of *Spires* Country is wholy in his power, except one Fort, and euery place he comes to either compoundeth for his friendſhip, or aſſociates her ſelfe vnto him: yea, he is growne ſo ſtrong, and ſo well appointed, that there are meſſages (I dare not name them Embaſſes) ſent vnto him on all ſides, namely, from *France*, *Venice*, *Hage*, *Loraine*, and peraduenture *England* her ſelfe, and that worthily too. For if euer *Hannibal* was commended for Diſcipline, and good order in his confuſed Army, conſiſting of ſo many ſeuerall Nations, this man hath augmented his reputation for his Martiall gouernment one way, and his noble Spirit, commixed with manſuetude, and commiſeration another way: ſo that his very enemies can lay no imputation vpon him, more then amazement, what courſe this braue built Barke will take in this turbulent Ocean of defiances, when all the Princes of *Europe* ſtand thus watching one anothers proceedings. And thus much for Count *Manſfeild*, and the King of *Bohemias* hopes to ſee once againe the ſcattered limbs of *Pelops* gathered together and the broken bones of his Fortune well ſet againe, made ſtrong and ſtronger, like broken bones indeed, that proue the better for their firſt fraction, being well cured by a cunning Surgeon.

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The elder Duke of *Brunſwick*, as it ſhould ſeeme, is not dead: For by reaſon of the Biſhop of *Hauerſtaffs* letters, the yonger Duke of *Brunſwick* hath played the Souldier all this Winter, and taken in 8. or 9. Townes of the Biſhops of *Ments* and *Cullen*, and although ſince February Count *Harry Vanderbergh* is gone vp againſt him, ſince he tooke *Gulick*, and a *Colonell* of *Bauaries*, and another of *Don Gonzales*, being in all 12000. foot, and 2000. Horſe, are likewiſe marched to intercept his forwardneſſe: yet hath he proued very fortunate in his expeditions, and kept his ground in deſpight of the proudeſt wraſtlers. But we ſay here, that theſe two laſt Colonells named, are retired backe againe, as taking their firſt iourney vpon a rumor, that there were 8000. Engliſh cõming into the Countrey, and hoping of good paſſage by the Duke of *Brunſwicks* meanes, whom theſe *Bauarians* meant to intercept. But this rumor ran her ſelfe quickly out of breath. For by the firſt of March, letters of credit came, that not a Drumm was beaten in *England* to ſuch a purpoſe, whereupon they returned backe againe to their Generalls, for feare of Count *Manſfeilds* comming vpon them, and ſurprizing them vnawarres.

Whilſt Count *Manſfeild* thus proceeded, and had his affaires carried in a ſweet paſſage boat of ſucceſſe, the Proteſtant Princes loath to be behind hand with him in correſpondency, ſeeing the great ayds which came in, and the many Forces promiſed, engag'd themſelues likewiſe to his aſſiſtance, namely, the Marqueſſe of *Baden*, the Duke of *Wittenbergh*, the Marqueſſe of *Aenſburch*, and the *Lanſsgraue* of *Heſs*, who

who euery one prepared 10000. men for the Spring, and made tender of their ſeruice accordingly, ſo that if performances follow, & this faire ſhadow of good words haue but an equall body of ſubſtance, and auayleable actions, the Summer fields may be filled with an Armie of a 100000. men, which though it ſound too harſhly in the eares of Souldiers, who know, what 40000. armed men can doe, and ſeeme ridiculous to Polliticians, who preſently demand after the money to pay them: yet is it certaine, that theſe Princes & Lords of Countries haue made their tongues pronounce the iudgement, as for the conſent of the heart, and the many contingents, which may happen diſaſtrouſly, theſe are wrapped vp in the cloſet houſe of Heauen, and being *arcana cœli*, it is not for polluted hands to reach at them, no more then for vs to know, whether *Bethlem Gabor* will goe on, as he hath done, to hold the Emperor play in thoſe quarters, which if he doe, then let equall men iudge (for all there is a report, that there are 8000. men come out of *Italy* to *Leopaldus*) whether the Emperor can be any way ſo ſtrong, as the Princes, I might better ſay, his Excellency Count *Manſfeild*. For without controuerſie, he is now ſuch a ſpirit raiſd that I beleeue will hardly be coniured downe againe by ſuch forces, as the Emperor can either ſpare, or prouide ſo ſoone. But the Summer is the time that Armies goe into the fields, and ſo till that time, we will ſuſpend all predictions, and anticipations.

The laſt letters from *Vienna* report diuers things, both of the Emperors pretended mariage, and of the Turkes making peace with *Poland*; but eſpecially,

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concerning the contracts with the *Hungarians*, which hath ſpent moſt part of the Winter in their Treaties, and is indeed ſuſpected not to haue any good ſucceſſe, becauſe *Bethelem Gabor* will not conclude it without the Emperour of *Turkes* conſent, to whom he is Tributary; and the *Turke* will not conſent, becauſe he pretends that the Emperor hath broken with him, and ſet vpon his friends in his abſence, or not kept promiſe in ſending his Embaſſador to the *Sacra porta*, as hath bin the cuſtome, and ſo to attend him in his warres. Thus inſteed of reconciliation, is he rather threatned, and for any thing we heare, the Prince of *Tranſiluania* affects the reſtitution of the King of *Bohemia*, and will proſecute his recouery as farre as he can, or is able. But which way ſoeuer it chance, *Dulce Bellum inexpertis*, and the warre hath not onely made ſcarres in the face of this pleaſant Countrey, but filled it with wrinckles, which haue taken in ſo much ſoile, and durt, and ſweat, that I am affrayd the running water of peace will hardly waſh it cleane againe in good time, and it will ſcarce recouer her priſtinat glory in many yeares. But of all other things moſt lamentable, the Church of God hath ſuffered deuaſtation, and the backes and ſides of Religion haue beene laſhed with cruell ſtripes, and the tormentors hand hath gon ouer them and ouer them againe: For *Idolatry* hath made the walls of thoſe Churches weepe, where God hath beene truely worſhipped, and not the name of an Image heard in many yeares. The pulpits haue beene trampled in with thoſe obſcœne feet, whoſe maſters haue trod vp on the graues of poore deceaſed *Chriſtians*, and by the name

name of *Hereticks*, thought them onely worthy to be receptacles for their ordure, making their Chappels a very Stewes: the houſes which haue lodged their garriſons, haue been filled with their ſtrumpets, who haue made the hearts of the owners ſad againe, with their filthy proſtitution, abominable Maſſes, ſongs of ribaldry, inuectiues againſt Chriſt and his Goſpel, and many other feareſull impieties of ſuperſtition and blaſphemie: yea all places haue beene repleniſhed like the groues and altars of the heathen, with mixtures of incenſe and ſacrifice, which I know, ſtinck worſe then the ſmell of a dung-hill in the noſtrils of our ſanctifier, and great God, ſo that I make no queſtion, he will one day take his owne cauſe in hand, and deliuer vs from this vſurpation and intruſion, ſo that for this point I end with the Motto,

Dies dabit, quod dies negat.

I will not diſpute neither of the prerogatiue of Conquerors, nor condition of the conquered, of the riches of *Emperours*, nor the power of *Princes*, of the treaſure of *Kings*, nor aboundant wealth of *Monarchs* of the neceſſitie of the Souldiers, who muſt either liue vpon their prey, ſalary, or ſpoyle, or the inconueniences of a gariſon in a Country ouer-watched with many diſaſtrous accidents. But this I am ſure of, that thoſe ſouldiers which *Spinola* left behind him, are not onely waſted with many malignant circumſtances, but wearied and tormented for want of pay and entertainment: Inſomuch that *Don Gonſales de Cordira* the *Spaniſh Generall* laid a new impoſition vpon that part of the *Palatinate* vnder his iuriſdiction of a 100000 dollers, which amounteth to

20000.lib. ſterling, whereabout the people were miſerably handled: For although they pleaded the deuaſtation of their Countrey, and the many wreſtings from them the bleſſings which God had imparted after great toile, labour, and endurances: yet nothing ſerued the turne but preſent money, and the Captaines had much adoe to pacifie the Souldiers before the taxe was gathered, and the impoſition raiſed.

By this time, it is the midſt of February, and therefore it is time to tell you, what a hard Winter wee haue had, and what ſtrange ſights wee haue ſeene. The *Palatinate* hath beene ſubiect to ſuch froſt and ſnow, that the *Rhene* hath beene frozen 7. or 8. weeks together, and ſince it began to thaw, which was the 5. of February, we haue had drie and cloſe weather, yet faire and frolty mornings: then grew it cloſe and miſty againe 2. or 3. dayes, afterwards it waxed warm but not long: then the mornings brought vs ſmall raine till ten of the clocke, but the 14. and 15. were very wet, by reaſon of which vncertainty of weather many *proiects* were diſappointed, and diverſe excurſions being made, the Souldiers returned without effecting their purpoſes: yet did *Generall Vere* ouerſlip no opportunitie, which either ſerued to annoy the enemy, or relieue his friends, hee viſited the ſconces and gariſons, & ſupplied their wants as he could, he made new *ramparts* at *Hidelburg*, leauing therein Sir *Garret Herbert* as I take it with 2. Companies of Engliſh: but the maine gouerment was vnder a *dutch Colonell*, he fortified *Franckendale*, and the ſconces on the paſſages, hee watched *Mainhem* and lay therein himſelfe: he reteined all other places, which ſtood

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in neede of his care, and dilligence, and ſo much for weather, now to our ſights and apparitions.

The 5. of this preſent February, about one of the clock, there appeared very plainly 3. full coloured Raine-bowes, one bending from *ſouth ſouth-eaſt* toward the *north*: the other oppoſite to it from *ſouth-weſt northward*, the third was called *Iris Verticalis*, whoſe *Center* was the *Sunne* it ſelfe: there were alſo 3. more dimmer and not ſo well coloured, compaſſing the *Sunne* as it were, but yet of diſtance ſome degrees: The night following were many flaſhings of the aire of lightning, and as it hapneth in ſuch caſes ſome there were, that ſaw armed men fighting, and ſome that heard the claſhings of armour, and ſome, that ſayd plainely theſe things were not cuſtomary, but portended tumultuary convulſions on all ſides: I confeſſe I remembred the Starre 1618. and made a *Catalogue* of many accidents, which haue hapned ſince, and although wee were not much amazed at theſe things, becauſe there was no preuenting of that which God had appointed: yet it made vs make this vſe, to pray to God to diuert his iudgment from vs, and continue his mercy towards vs, as for conieƈturing the worſt, which was warre, blood, and trouble, who could not apprehend as much, without whiſpering of propheſies, or calculating natiuities, or affrighting any fearefull man, when all *Europe* was in Armes, and the *Princes* of the earth ſtood gaſing at one anothers Fortunes.

By this time Count *Manſfeild* had ſent to *Loraine*, and had likewiſe anſwer from the Duke, which ſome will haue to this purpoſe, That for his owne part he

was willing to giue way for his paſſage, whether he meant to goe to *Artoies*, or *France*: But the King of *France* would by no means conſent thereunto, which whether it were pleaſing to his Excellency or no, I will not diſpute: this I am ſure, that it made his own Souldiers talke at randome, that he meant to diuert the warre from the *Palatinate*, and either draw it into *France*, or *Flanders*. As for the hope of rendition, he would not medle with other Princes deſignes, but in a maner he warranted the King of *Bohemia* a better recompence then the rendition of his Countrey, or peraduenture the Crowne of *Bohemia* it ſelfe: whereupon reciprocall letters haue paſſed betweene them, and no doubt there ſhall no enterpriſe be ſet on foot, but by direction of a Councell of warre from the King of *Bohemia*, and the Prince of *Orenge*, and ſo running to one another with ſweet conueiance, Count *Manſfeild* ſhall be (as it were) the Ceſterne to entertaine the water comming from theſe Springs: For although the King of *Bohemia* lieth now quiet at the *Hage*, yet no queſtion is his ſpirit working in other places, and time will perfect that, which we now imagine is an vnperfect *Chaos* of confuſion, and ſo much for the buſines as it hangeth in ſuſpence, and cannot yet make euen the skoales of miſchiefe and miſſortune, as we prophanely abuſe that tearme, and *Character*.

I vnderſtand by many meſſengers, that your *Corantos* in *England* are ſo tranſlated, and obſequious to the Dutch Coppies, that they neuer mention any exployt of the Engliſh, nor vouchſafe to attribute the glory of any enterpriſe vnto them, as forgetting Captaine

Captaine *Boroghs*, at the ſiege of *Franckendale*, and diuers valiant Gentilmen in other places, nay, they ſcarce mention *Generall Vere* himſelfe, who is worthy of all memory, for his conſtant reſolution, and noble courage in theſe wants & endurances: For although ſome Polliticians haue giuen it out, that *Spinola* might as well haue run all ouer the Countrey, as doe that he did, yea, taken *Heidelberg* it ſelfe, if he had kept his Armie together, and therefore that which was left vndon, muſt be imputed to his commiſeration, or peraduenture, directiõs from higher powers: yet will not I giue way to ſuch opinion, but anſwere plainly and honeſtly, that by that time the Engliſh had fortified the places, and hunted the enemy with ſet Batalions, it was not ſo eaſie to climbe trenches and ramparts, and come ouer the heads of Pikes, or ſtop the mouthes of Cannons: Witneſſe the interception of *Bauaria* himſelfe, who ambitiouſly ſwallowing the whole *Palatinate*, as a gift of the Emperor, came forward a-pace with proud ſteps to ſtraddle ouer it like a *Coloſſus*, and thought at once to inueſt himſelfe with her robe and Coronet: but GOD be thanked, it is yet vndone, and if euer a Prouerbe was verified, we may well ſay by him;

Multa cadunt inter Calicem, ſupremaq; labra.

But to my firſt purpoſe, ſeeing the Dutch will tell you no Stories of the Engliſh, I will tell you one of the Dutch.

Vpon the laſt of *Ianuary*, when the Froſt began to breake, a certaine Dutch Captaine, full of preſumptuous words, and oſtentous braggs, reſolued to performe

ſorme ſome exployt vpon *Steine* a Caſtle, which ſtood in the midſt of woods and waters, and for which *Don Gonzalis* firſt brake the Truce, the 20. of *Auguſt* laſt: whereupon as well acquainted with the paſſages, and all the ſecrets of the place, he vndertooke this enterpriſe with a 100. men, and came accordingly thither by foure a clocke in the morning, nor did he this temerariouſly to the outward ſhow, but had good ſearches and ſcout-maſters before to vnderſtand the ſtrength of the place (beſides his owne knowledge of the ſcituation) the number of the Guard, and the order of the Sentinells, with all other things appertaining to a ſurpriſe. But ſee the miſfortune! as ſoone as euer the Sentinell had diſcharged his Muſket, he quickly fell from his reſolution, as a man diſtracted, and very baſely cryed out, We are diſcouered, *A retreat, a retreat*; and when the Souldiers anſwered againe, there was yet no danger, nor could be any in the proſecution, he rode in amongſt them, and beat them backe moſt cowardly, as if 10000. enemies had come toward them: yet for all this, when he and his company had thus runne away, at the ſame time a Dutch Lieutenant, with leſſe then fiftie men, ſurpriſed, and cut off the whole Court of Guard in the Sconſe before the Caſtle, tooke many priſoners, and made the reſt ſecure themſelues within the wals, from whence they played apace, but did not hurt aboue one man: but by reaſon they wanted their *Patars*, and that the Captaine and his company were gone ſo far off, they could not enter the gates, nor lap the wals, but made a braue Retreat indeed, and came ſafely to their *Rendezuous*. But the Captaine in ſtead of rendring

dring an account to my Lord *Generall* of his actions, ran away for ſhame, and was no more ſeene in publique among the Souldiers; yet had the Lieutenant thankes, and a gratuitie, according to the worthines of his deſeruing.

This I thought good to ſet downe as a taſt of ſuch bitter pils, we are many times cõſtrained to ſwallow, as either the *Dutch* proue vnruly, or out of ſuſpition of ouer-maſtring, caſt vp an vntoward account of their owne weaknes: Thus loſt we this opportunitie of the laſting froſt, conſidering the place was of importance, and now muſt be contented: For in open weather the Caſtle is in a manner impregnable, as ſtanding (as I ſayd) in ſuch a faſtneſſe of wood, and water.

Whiles the affaires of the *Palatinate* cheered our hearts with the expectatiõ of good deliuerance from all our troubles, newes came for certaine, that the *Emperor* was married, and the *Pope* had ſent the *Empreſſe* an hallowed roſe of gold, with other reliques, which ſhee receiued very graciouſly at the hands of *Seigneur Peroſpi* his *Nuntio*.

Although the froſt and ſnow was very great, yet it is ſayd, that the *Neopolitans*, and other *Italian* ſouldiers taking advantage of certaine contracts, and articles betweene the *Grizons*, and the *Spaniſh* garriſons, haue aduentured through the paſſages, and with the loſſe of 800. men by the aſperity of wether, preſented a body of 800. to *Leopaldus*, who thereupon attempted both to recouer *Elſas Saueren*, and his Countrey, which were ſpoyled a new for breach of their faith to *Count Manſfeild*, and to ſend a defiance to his *Excellencie*,

lencie, who for all the report of the *Catholicke* greatneſſe, ſmiled at the *bravado*, as reſoluing vpon other maner of buſines, then fighting of a battle in a country where nothing was to be gotten.

About the 15. of February, a great fire hapned at *Landenburgh*, as you goe to *Heidelburgh*, which not onely burnt down the two great gates, but conſumed many roomes and chambers, yea diuers ſouldiers, that had the watch of the Tower, and guard of the place: yet was the miſcheife imputed to the watch, and the Country much affrighted came in to complaine to the Gouernour of the offenders.

Report is ſtill buſie amongſt vs, and to comfort vs in our wants and diſtreſſe in the *Palatinate*, aſſureth that all the Countries round about, namely *Spires*, *Elſos*, *Straſburgh*, and all the biſhopricks in generall, are ready to ſtarue, and haue not ſufficient viands for their owne inhabitants, whereupon *Count Manſfield* hath written to the *Duke* of *Wittenbergh*, for paſſage through his country, ſo that it is ſuppoſed, he either intendeth for *Bauaria* or *Vienna*, vnles he play the lap wing, who commonly flieth furtheſt from her neſt, & ſo may he giue notice of one thing, aud yet pretend another.

Much about this time his Excellency *Count Manſfield* vnderſtanding that the *Bauarian Regiment* was vnder the command of *Montaigne*, and lay quartred vpon the *neckar* in the *ampt moſbegg*, ſent to the town of *Hagenaw* for a new compoſition, & ſo had 30000. Florens by way of a taxe or new leauie: thus doth he both increaſe and inrich himſelfe, yet is not his determination knowne, what he will do with his great armie,

armie, more then that (as they ſay) he writ letters of comfort to *Heidelburg*, and *Generall Vere* at *Mainhem*, whoſe horſe went out the ſame day vpon an expedition, and tooke many wagons loaden with prouiſion, and diuers priſoners, who were ranſomed after the maners of ſoldiers: they went out to releiue *Landenburgg* and other townes in the enemies poſſeſſiō, for they were ſubiect to hunger and cold, and there periſhed of the inhabitants very neere 600.

After *Graue Hendrick Van* being with the garriſons of *Gulick*, had paſſed the *Rhene*, as was ſuppoſed, to ioyne with the *Bauarians* and *Spaniards* that were comming into *Haſſia*: the Duke *Chriſtian* of *Brunſwick*, ſtored *Paterborne* and many townes with ſouldiers, and reſolued to encounter them, which way ſo euer they came or went, but as they had done once before, ſome occaſion deuided them all, for they neuer met; but for any thing I heare, they were glad of good ſhelter in this cold and vnſeaſonable weather.

There are other things, of which I could write, but I am ſure you dare not publiſh: For ſuch is the nature of rumor, that a little truth begetteth many abſurdities, like a Ball of ſnow, which by often rowling groweth bigger and bigger; and therefore I deſiſt at this time, till better occaſion preſent better matter vnto me, which, I am ſure, is now in the wombe, and longeth for a birth and faire deliuerance. The ſumme of all is, that God (as he hath done) will maintaine the cauſe of his Church; and Religion (as ſhe hath done) will ſhew her owne ſplendor, in deſpight of clouds and oppoſition, like the Sunne, that may be a while obſcured, but at laſt openeth the

vapours, and commeth like a Bride out of her chamber. As for man, though there is no quarrell so iustifiable as the defence of the Gospel, and propagation of the same, if yet there be mixtures of priuate reuenge, enuie, ambition, desire of renowne, couetousnesse, and that which we call heroike vallour in the ampliation of territories; it will taint the good cause, like dead flies in boxes of ointments, and God will haue no such mixtures, as collaterall corruption to be shadowed vnder the defence of his Truth: therefore I make no question of a recouery in the *Palatinate*, because I see apparantly so many good soules and dispositions both grieued at the cessation of the publique Ministry in many places, and vexed againe at the impietie of Papisticall *Priests*, who dare bring the pattern of the Altar of *Damascus* into the temple of God. And as for their obiection, that maintaine, that the Souldiers of Count *Manssfeilds* Armies, and the rest of the Princes, which pretend the defence of the King of BOHEMIA'S cause, are either most of them Papists, or of no Religion: and yet forrage, and spoyle the Countries of Catholick Bishops, and such Lords, as know no other but the obedience of the Popes Supremacy. I answer plainly and honestly: What of that? God will bring his purpose this way about: Though *Nabuchadnezzar* be an hypocrite, yet for the time shall his Idoll be trampled to dust, and be no more worshipped: Though *Cyrus* be a Heathen, yet God calleth him his seruant, and he shall send the people to re-edifie *Ierusalem*, and the vessels of Gold backe againe to adorne the Temple: And though Papists maintaine their absurd opini-

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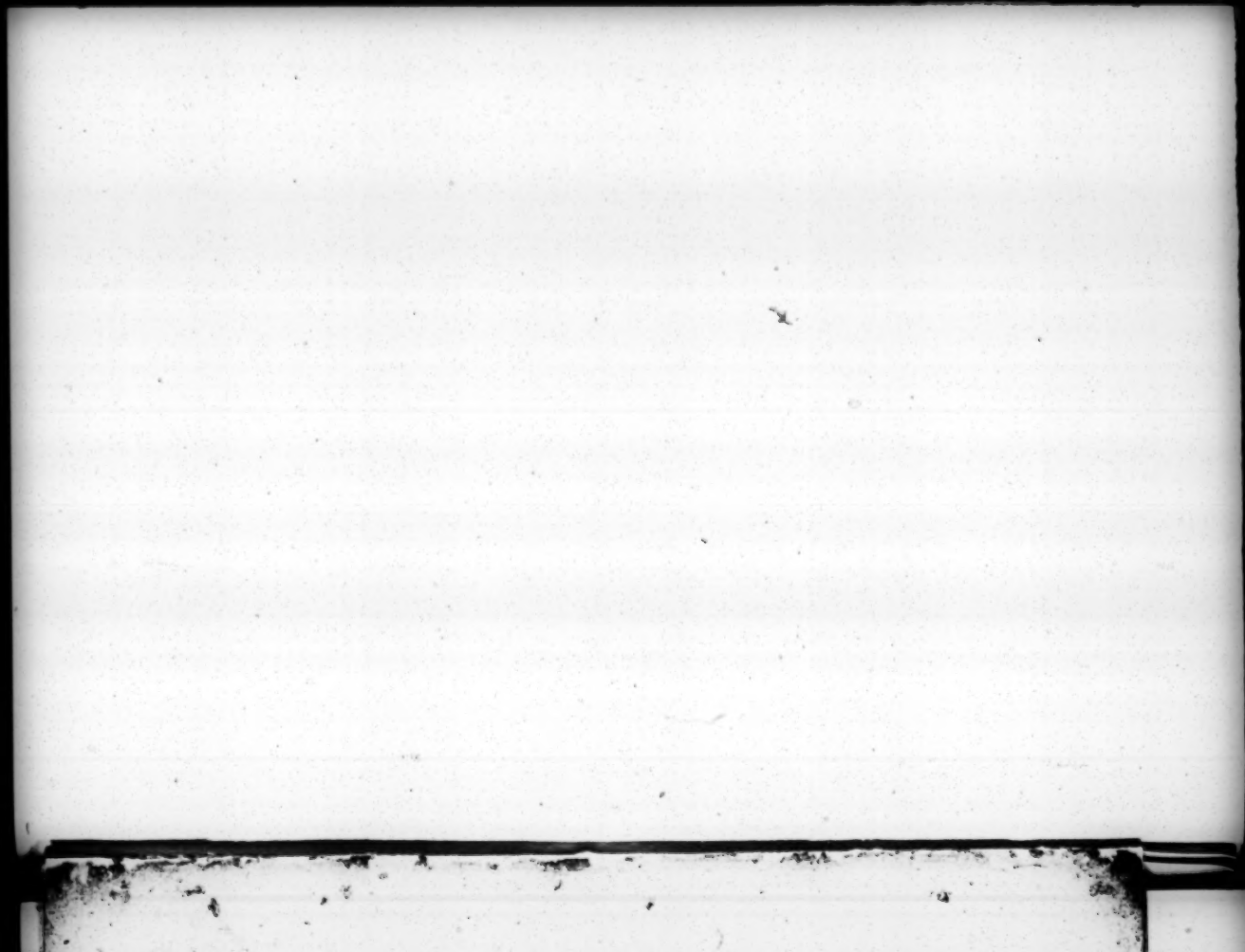

IT is certified from *Palermo* in Sicilia, that *Don Francisco di Castro*, as future Vize-Roy, is gone with his Gallies to Gaeta, to be admitted therin, and that the said Country hath determined to disburse 12000. crownes, to be imployed for the entertaining of him as a welcome thither: but he would not permit them to doe it, neither would receiue the Presents that they of Palermo presented vnto him, nor once suffer the common people to be burthened with any expences.

The Vize-Roy of Naples, by reason of the vprore made there because of the great dearth, is yet in the Castle of Saint Ermo, and hath come to a parly with the people, and in the meane time hath sent a Post into Spaine, to certifie the King of the want of Corne, and the disorder touching the monies, and hath further taken order, that euery Citizen shall haue fiue loaues of bread dealt out to them euery day, and euery stranger but one loafe a day.

The Popes hath sent out Commission, that all the spirituall persons that had promised to giue the tenth peny of their reuenewes vnto Pope *Paul* the fifth, for the seruice of the Catholike league in Germany, should presently disburse and pay the one halfe thereof.

From Turnio it is written, that the Duke of Sauoy hath giuen his Horsemen two moneths pay, and causeth the Garison in Asti to be renforced on Saterday in Saint *Anthonio*. The new Gally called *Torre di Mar*, was lanched, to be rigged and armed, and so to be sent vnto the Armado, and *Andre Ferlerichi* Captaine of the Vstochen, was seene in the gulfe of Dalmatia, where he tooke one of *Niclaocs Gardinegres* Barkes, and cut off the head of *Stephano Rotconichi* the

Captaine, which he ſet vpon the Bandite Stoane, but his Souldiers ſaued themſelues.

A Poſt out of France brings newes, that the King will haue Valtolino reſtored againe, and that to the ſame end, he prepareth 80000. foot and 10000. horſemen, to inuade the Hugonites, and Monſieur *de Leſdigincres* with his men are ready to march.

The newes is, that vpon the 17. day old and 27. new ſtile of Ianuary, in the morning about 8. of the clock, the noble Prince *Eruſt* a Prince of the Empire, Earle of Holſtein, Schaumburg, and Sterburg, Barron of Geſhmen, &c. to the great griefe and ſorrow of his wife, Statholder, Chancelour, and Counſell, as alſo of his faithfull Subiects, and adherents, departed out of this world: and although that by meanes of his death, his ſaid Wife, Country, and Subiects, were much grieued, and ſorrowfull, yet they were preſently comforted againe, becauſe that vpon the 7. day old ſtile and the 17. new ſtile of February, by Gods prouidence, the Lord *Iobſt Herman*, Earle of Holſtein, Shaumburg, and Sternberg, Barron of Gehmen and Berghen, &c. was receiued by the Counſell and States of the Countrey, for their Lord and right heire of the land. This happy election being made, the body of the aforeſaid Prince *Eruſt* which ſumptuouſly & ſolemnly buried, vpon Thurſday being the 21. old ſtile and the 31 of March new ſtile, God ſend him a happy reſurrection, and peace and plenty vnto his Subiects.

Vpon Friday the 4. of March, the Lord *Iohn Baptiſta weber*, one of the Emperours Counſell, rode vnto Hungarian Bergſtat, to receiue the ſaid Towne for the Emperours vſe, and to appoint Officers therein.

Bethlem hath ſent all the men of Bergh from thence into Siebenbergen, there to build his hill worke: Since that

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Bathlem lay at Caſchau, to whom there came a Turkiſh Ambaſſadour, and it is agreed that the Crowne of Hungaria, and the regall Enſignes, ſhall be deliuered vnto the Emperours Ambaſſadors, to the which end he hath cauſed them to be brought from Etſchet to Caſchau.

It is quiet and peaceable at Vianna, but there ſhall be more forces ſent againſt the Earle of *Mantfield*, and at Lintz there are 2000. horſemen, and at Steyer 1000. foot men muſtered, which ſhall all goe to *Elſas*.

The Saxon Regiment lie ſtill in Presburg, and for that the Burgers therein are much oppreſſed, they haue ſent an humble Petition vnto the Emperour, to deſire the ſending away of the ſaid Regiment, what will be done therein, wee ſhall hereafter know. It is reported that the Hungarian lands day, ſhall be holden in Edenburg.

From Prague there is no ſpeciall newes to be written, but that dearth and want of all things daily encreaſeth, which is moſt pittifull to thinke on. The Souldiers and poore people haue great want, and can hardly liue. There is no order taken, and it is feared that it will rather encreaſe then diminiſh. Touching the ſending away of the Emperours and ſtrange Souldiers out of Morauia: there is ſome ſpeech made, ſometimes it is agreed vpon, and then againe it is put off. The ſtrange Souldiers doe great hurt vnto the Inhabitants of the Country, and although many complaints are made, yet no remedy is had, nor no puniſhment inflicted vpon them. The poore Peſants in great numbers, for want of victuals, die euery day. The Subiects and Peſants goe alway to ſowe and till the land, and in the meane time they are robbed of all they haue. The labouring men and ſeruants are gone, and die for want of worke and maintainance, there is no ground plowed nor ſowed, and therefore there is no hope of bettering, but rather a great dearth to

[illegible] the Duke of Lerchtenstein is expected to come to Prague within eight dayes, whose comming they hope will be a meanes of great reformation: God graunt it.

It is written from Heydlebergh, that eight dayes past, being the fifth of March, the Bauarian souldiers, set vpon Nuseloch, Waldorof, and Laimen Villages lying about Heydleburgh, and tooke them: whereupon some of the soldiers in Heidlebergh in the night issued forth, to set vpon the Bauarians in Laimen, and finding that the Bauarians were gone from thence again, about some other enterprise, they entered into the same, and driuing out all the Cattle they found therein, put a Garison into the Village, and so kept it from being suddainly surprised againe by the Enemie: there were also a good number of Bauarian soldiers seene about Dilsperg Mimmenburg.

Out of Spiers it is written, that Generall *Tilly* had taken two Villages in the Palatinate, and hardly beset Wiseloch, but could not preuaile against it: but when *Mansfield* drew neere to Manheim bridge, *Tilly* being not strong enough in the field, he retired againe, whereby the affaires remaine in *antiquis terminis*, so that no man can write any certainty thereof. Colonell *Ouertrant* is at Germersheim with his forces.

To Lindenburg there are many Saylers, Carpenters, and Bridge Masters, come from Stein, to set the ship bridge ouer the Necker. There shall be no bridge ouer the Rhine at Stein, but at Oppenheim. The Earle of *Mansfield* is daily expected at Manheim, whose intent is, with halfe his Army, to march the Berghstrate, and with the other halfe to goe to Oppenheim.

From France it is confirmed, that *Monsieur de la Force*, hath ouerthrowne *Monsieur S^t. Lucks* Regiment, and that some places in Languedor are besieged and taken by the

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Barron *de Soubise*: since that the Hugonites [illegible] Towne of Nerac againe, driuen the Garison out of [illegible] killed many of them. They of Rochell haue cut off the passage of sending any thing to *Burdeaux* by water, & are gone with their Army by sea else where; yet in Paris they speake of a peace.

Colonell *Pithan* hauing ouer night supt with the Prince of Orange, by commaundement of the Counsell of State, was the same night arrested by the Marshall of the Court being in his lodging, and it is said that hee is put into the place where *Barnfeld* was committed prisoner, and it appeareth, that others also will be brought thether, for all the Captaines that were in Gulick, are sent for thether.

There are two Souldiers of Hensden, and three horsemen of Gertrudenbergh, that are suspected to be acquainted with the Treason that is discouered, and are brought prisoners to the Hage, who haue beene rackt to make them to confesse their fault.

There is preparation made here for an Army by land.

There came a Letter from Midleburgh in Zealand to Amsterdam, that they of Sluce in Flaunders haue cut certaine sluces of water, and thereby haue not onely enclosed all the Spanish Sconces, but also the Towne of Bruges and Gant round about with water, whereby many thousand Akers of land are drowned, and great hurt is done in the land. And that there are Armes for 15000. men sent to Breame for *Christian* Duke of Brunswick: and since that, that there are as many more bought for 6000. men.

The Lords, the States Proclamation was proclaimed in Amsterdam, whereby they prohibit all Iesuites and other Priests, as well Strangers as naturall borne Subiects, within sixe dayes after the publication thereof, not to come into, nor stay within the vnited Prouinces, but for such naturall

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Priſoners dwell there: they are permitted to ſtay therein, certifying their names and lodgings vnto the Magiſtrates of the places where they are reſident.

From Cullen it is written, that after the taking of the Towne of Geiſerk, the chiefe Lieutenant Colonell *Erwine* went backe againe with certaine thouſand Horſemen to *Paterborne*, and tooke the Townes of Peckelſheim, Bergenrich, Berchuſt, and Warburg, vpon the 10. of March, and of them of Carpegan newly taken, ſuddainly ſurprized and killed 1000. horſe and foot men, and tooke ſome of the Officers priſoners.

The Biſhop of Haluerſtads force haue fallen vpon foure Companies of the Lutiſche Regiment, whereof they tooke ſome priſoners, and did great hurt vnto the horſemen: it is ſaid, that the Bauarian Souldiers haue taken Padetborne againe.

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